(b) Bids for carrying out feasibility studies in respeset of 33 sections of Super National Highways connecting major cities and major ports in India have been invited by National Highways Authority of India. Some of these sections pass through Karnataka.

(c) and (d). Dot not arise.

U.S. Arms Supply to Pakistan

*11. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S. arms worth US $ 368 million have been supplied to Pakistan;

(b) whether U.S. President has stated that arms supply to Pakistan is conditional;

(c) whether India has examined all the press reports in this regard;

(d) if so, the total arms supplied to Pak by U.S.A.; and

(e) the measures Government propose to deal with their effects on our security?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) In April 1996, the US Administration decided, following the passage of the Hank Brown Amendment, to procccdv with the release to Pakistan of $368 million worth of military equipment which had been purchased by Pakistan prior to the 1990 imposition of Pressler Amendment sanctions. The actual transfer of the equipment is reported to have now started.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government have noted press reports in this regard that have appeared in the US and Indian media from time to time.

(d) The US $ 368 million worth of military equipment includes

— *an army package* of $ 77.4 million of which the main items are nightvision equipment, howitzers, radars and rockets;

— *an navy package* of $ 191.8 million consisting of P-3C aircraft, harpoon missiles and missile components; and

an airforce package of $ 98.8 million which includes engine kits, spares and support equipment.

(c) Government have noted that the advanced military equipment to be supplied to Pakistan by the US contains a number of force multipliers and new items not part of current military holdings in the region and that these would have an impact on India's security. The Government is determined to take all necessary measures to counter such adverse effect on our national security.

Loss of live storage capacity of Hirakud Dam

*12 SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted regarding total loss of live storage capacity of Hirakud Dam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. Hydrographic Survey to assess the total loss in live storage capacity of Hirakud Dam were conducted by the State Government during the year 1976-79, 1978-83 and 1983-86.

(b) As per the Hydrographic Surveys of 1983-86, it has been estimated that the loss in live storage capacity of the reservoir during the last 30 years is of the order of 14.5%.

Shortage of meat in the Army Units

*13. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was an acute shortage of meat in the Army Units under Northern Command for quite sometime in the past;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Government to overcome the same?